

NEED OF RELIEVING CLOGGED TRAFFIC

Senator Ransdell Suggests
Topic for Discussion at Rivers
and Harbors Congress.

BLOCKING OF BUSINESS IN NEW YORK IS CITED

Speakers to Discuss Remedy at Meeting
Which Opens in Washington
December 8.

Congestion of traffic on the railroads at New York would not now be existing, in the opinion of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, if there was in this country a complete system of inland waterways. This, he said, in a statement issued yesterday, would be one of the features discussed at the coming convention of the rivers and harbors congress here December 8, 9 and 10, among the speakers at which will be Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce, Govs. Dunne of Illinois and Hall of Louisiana, Senators Reed of Missouri, Fitch of California and Col. C. McD. Townsend, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

"The congestion that is facing New York and its tributary country seems just now to be localized," says the statement, "but there is reason to fear that before long it will spread to the interior and do great injury to both foreign and domestic commerce of the whole country. Although the lack of ships is a vital element in increasing the congestion, there are other needs of equal and even greater weight.

Vessels Unable to Load.

"Fast fleets of ships might very well be useless under the congested conditions that may even arise in a few weeks. Railroads already are clogged with loaded cars for hundreds of miles and there is little opportunity to move back from the coast the cars that have been emptied. Congested terminals present another difficulty that would not be overcome solely by additional ships. This means lost motion from rehandling freight several times, the furnishing of more ships also would not alone solve the problem of bringing in food over the congested lines for local use.

"The real needs, in addition to more ships, are for more channels for more goods, facilities for more quickly handling and transshipping them and for getting the empty carriers out of the way.

Urges System of Waterways.

"A comprehensive system of waterways over the country working in connection with railroads and highways would solve all these problems if the necessary ships for foreign commerce were available.

"The Erie barge canal will be a valuable aid when it is completed in two years, but this project is only part of the necessary system. We need to take the strain of handling our vast and increasing crops off the railroads. Let the grain of the great lakes region float to New York cheaply through the Erie canal in the open season, and when the lake route is frozen let the surplus, together with the crops of the vast territory between the Alleghenies and the northern Rockies move naturally down a developed and deepened Mississippi river system to ocean shipping at New Orleans.

Would Relieve Thousands of Cars.

"This will relieve thousands of cars that can be employed in carrying to the seaboard, and without congestion, the manufactured goods that must move quickly. At the same time an intercoastal canal extending from Florida to New England would furnish another relieving channel for carrying food from the south, which is furnishing an increasing quantity of fresh vegetables and meats and canned goods.

"Terminal congestion could be greatly relieved if a considerable volume of freight for export came down inland waterways to port, where vessels could anchor in mid-stream as they do in the wonderfully efficient port of Rotterdam, and goods could be loaded on ocean steamers without the laden barges ever having touched a wharf."

K. S. Deloatch, struck by a jitney at Norfolk, Va., died in a hospital later. His daughter, Miss Mary Elsie Deloatch, who was married to James H. Kirby, Wednesday, had her honeymoon cut short in this city, where she was advised of the accident.

DENIES HE IS PLANNING ARMY REORGANIZATION

Secretary Garrison Explains Document Purporting to Be Bill Prepared for Congress.

Publication of what purports to be a copy of the army reorganization bill, prepared by the War Department, drew from Secretary Garrison today a denial that the department had prepared any bill for presentation to Congress or to any congressional committee. He added that he had not intended, and does not intend, to present to Congress any bill on this subject.

"In my conferences with Chairman Hay of the House committee and Senator Chamberlain of the Senate committee," said Secretary Garrison in a statement he issued, "I was requested to gather together all of the suggestions which had been made concerning the matter of army reorganization and to cast them into tentative shape for consideration.

States the Understanding.

"The understanding was that I would furnish this draft of tentative suggestions to the respective chairmen for their consideration, and as a basis upon which they could work. The understanding was, and is, that they are to formulate whatever legislative measure is to be considered. I have not intended at any time, nor do I now intend, to present any bill to Congress or to any committee of Congress upon this subject. I am simply carrying out the requests made to me to furnish the chairmen of the committees with the data and material to enable them to formulate whatever measures may embody the legislative conclusions.

Not a Copy of Any Bill.

"With respect to the publication of what purports to be a copy of the War Department bill, that which I have just said applies. It is not a copy of any bill prepared by the War Department for presentation to Congress or to any committee thereof. It is a mere collection of suggestions cast into legislative form for the purpose above mentioned.

The collection of suggestions referred to by Mr. Garrison is the outline of the proposed military policy made public by the Secretary early in November.

S. B. HEIGES, POMOLOGIST, DIES IN HARRISBURG

Prof. Samuel B. Heiges, pomologist of the Department of Agriculture during the second administration of President Cleveland, died of pneumonia Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. S. L. Grosh, in Harrisburg, Pa. He was in his seventy-ninth year.

Funeral services were held at York, Pa., Thursday, with interment there under the auspices of a Masonic lodge with which he was affiliated.

Prof. Heiges at one time taught in the York, Pa., high school. He also had charge of the Virginia state farm at Saxe, Va.

During his teaching years he was connected with the York, Pa., Collegiate Institute, superintendent of York county schools and principal of the State Normal School at Shippensburg, Pa.

A daughter, Mrs. A. H. Goddard, lives in Washington. He also is survived by a son, George R. Heiges of Boston, and three other daughters, Miss Elizabeth Heiges, Mrs. M. H. Abbott of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. J. B. Bailey of Keyville, with whom he had made his home during the last three years.

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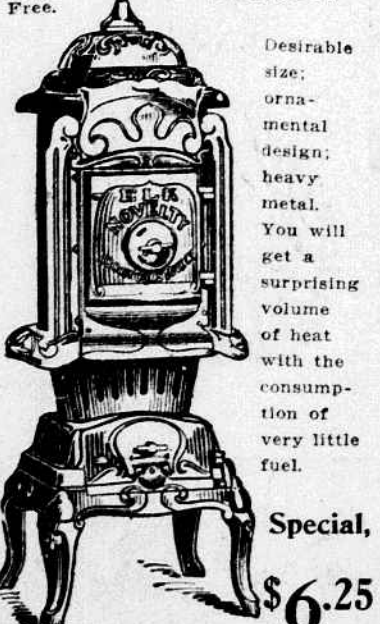
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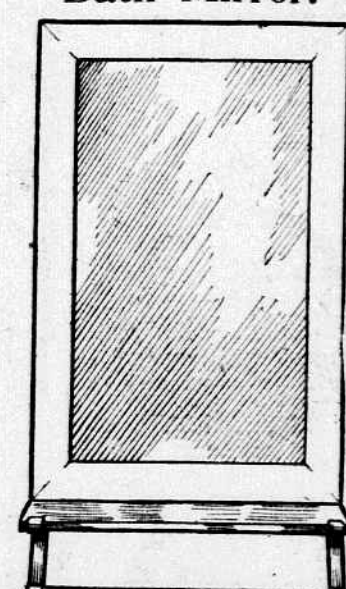
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